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Attachment II, of three typed pages, is dated 27 August 1951. This attachment deals with the political training program of the Military Training Battalions (VVP). The attachment then discusses the political training and morale of the members of the Frontier Guard. The document points out that, while discipline has tightened up, the older members of the Frontier Guard do as little work as they can. In many places the guards even sleep on duty. This is said to be the result of the fact that the Frontier Guard do not receive sufficient leaves or evenings off, and their desire to serve well is therefore reduced.

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